

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) A medicinal aerosol steroid solution formulation metered dose inhaler product with enhanced chemical stability, including:

an aerosol container equipped with a metered dose dispensing valve and containing a medicinal aerosol formulation including a hydrofluoroalkane propellant selected from the group consisting of 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane, 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane, and mixtures thereof, and having a 20-ketosteroid drug dissolved therein, which drug has an OH group at the C-21 position, provided that said 20-ketosteroid is other than flunisolide; and

wherein said container is metal and is provided with an inert non-metal interior surface so as to reduce chemical degradation of the 20-ketosteroid.

30. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein said 20-ketosteroid has an OH group at the C-21 position, but not at the C-17 position.

31. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein said 20-ketosteroid has an OH group at both the C-17 and C-21 positions.

32. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein the 20-ketosteroid is dexamethasone.

33. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 29, wherein the 20-ketosteroid is betamethasone 17-valerate.

34. (Previously Presented) The product of any preceding claim wherein the container and/or the valve has a coating applied by vapor deposition.

35. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 34, wherein metal valve components have a coating applied by vapor deposition.

36. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 35, wherein the coating is a glass.

37. (Previously Presented) The product of claim 36, wherein the coating is fused silica glass.

38-48. (Cancelled)